



GOLD DIGGER NUGGETS

2019 RALLY DATES

Jan. 5-13, 2019
Riverside Fairgrounds
Indio
Calbreaths

Mar. 18-21, 2019
Mon – Thur
The Lakes, Chowchilla
Jennings and Salters

May 9-12, 2019
Thurs – Sat
Casa de Fruta
Hollister

July 11-14, 2019
Thurs - Sat
Jackson
Rancheria
Tutt

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President's Message



President Al Calbreath

President's Report

Riverside Date Festival
Indio, California
January 2019

Hello from Indio.

We survived another year with filling and distribution of the welcome bags. A lot of the F.M.C.A. officers we have worked with in the past have moved on, and we were able to work with the new group just fine.

The overall attendance was up, and we saw the impact of allowing towables to join and attend the rallies. The Gold Diggers only had five members able to attend the Rally, but another group from our area called the Ambassadors camped with us and really were a great help in filling and distribution of the welcome bags. The Gold Diggers

would like to thank Roland & Linda and Larry and Holly for their help. Steve Shade, our representative from F.M.C.A, helped us in asking other early arrivals in helping fill the bags. They had to move us from where we usually fill the bags to another location because of a lack of tables. We are talking with the Ambassadors about co-chairing Rallies in the future, they seem to go to the same camp grounds as we do but at different dates, plus they go to some different camp grounds in our area the Gold Diggers have not been to in a while.

At the chapter fair and parade the Gold Diggers created a lot of interest. We decorated our Golf Cart and marched in the parade and passed out \$30.00 worth of candy which everyone enjoyed. The Gold Diggers would like to thank Galan & Betty for the work they did setting up with the filling and distribution of the welcome bags.

As Betty mentioned at our Lodi Rally in December, we had six first-time visitors join us, and I see where some of them will join us again at our next outing in Chowchilla. We also would like to thank the ones who became members and welcome the Hopsons who joined in Indio

I look forward to the rest of the year and would like to thank everyone for their help in making the Gold Diggers survive and move forward.

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Secretary's Report
By Betty Smith



FMCA GOLD DIGGERS

December 1, 2018
Lodi Grape Festival Grounds
Lodi, CA

The meeting was called to order at 9:36 a.m. by President Al Calbreath who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Officers present were Al Calbreath, President; Secretary, Betty Smith; Treasurer, Colleen Lushenko; Vice President, Horace Tutt; 2nd Vice President, Galan Smith; National Director, Darlene Calbreath. Al introduced and welcomed new Associate Members Charlotte and Hurley Atkinson from Elk Grove. Al also introduced guests, Penny and Larry Blaylock, Marsha and David Calbreath, Elsie McKay and Kathy Erpilla and Terrie and Mary Stockbridge.

President: Al announced that he has several Gold Digger t-shirts, hats and vests to sell for \$10.00 each and lanyards for \$2.00 each. There will be a contest tonight for “Decorated Coach” and also an Ornament Exchange. Al introduced Steve and Jeanette Shade. Steve is the FMCA Representative for the WHMA Northern Division.

Minutes: Betty read the minutes of September 8, 2018 meeting. It was moved, seconded, and carried to approve the minutes as presented. The minutes of the July 14, 2018 were also read (and had been approved already at the September 8 meeting).

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer, Colleen Lushenko reported that the balance in our checking account is \$6,478.00 today but will be around \$5,000.00 after the Lodi expenses are paid. Colleen stressed how important it is to fill out your registration, completely, when you are registering for a rally as she needs accurate figures for her records.

National Director: Since we had so many guests at this rally, Darlene explained the application process for Gold Diggers. If you want to become a Gold Digger, you need to join FMCA (\$60.00 a year). Then a Gold Digger Applications needs to be filled out and submitted to Colleen along with \$20.00 which is non-refundable. At the second rally attended you are initiated as a Gold Digger and at this rally, your annual dues are prorated for the year: “New members who are admitted into the Chapter after the December rally will pay dues on a prorated basis in keeping with the following schedule: January – March - \$10.00; April – July - \$5.00; August to October - \$0.” (Betty said that she will now send out our Standing Rules when future Gold Diggers apply rather than when they are initiated.)

Darlene gave a report on benefits of joining FMCA. Some of the benefits included with your annual dues are RV tech support, concierge services, FMCA magazine (also available digitally), and medical assistance (no extra fee - you need to be 100 miles from your home and don’t need to be on an RV trip). Roadside assistance, 24/7 is available, but there is a \$59.00 annual fee. Patty Stahl reported that Office Depot has a huge discount for FMCA business. She had 100 copies of an eight-page program, in color, printed. The regular price would have been \$450.00, and she only had to pay \$100.00.

Darlene brought up some suggestions that were made last year regarding the chapter fair, 1) we have “business cards” printed with contact information to pass out to interested people 2) we create a “stand up” cardboard picture holder with some interesting photos of past parades, etc., 3) sparkly gold glitter to put on our chapter table. We were very fortunate last year as the Monaco Roamers gave us a gorgeous gold table cloth! Jim Roberts has volunteered to make business cards.

Historian: Rich Jenkins brought a beautiful photo album of pictures from the last couple of years. Al thanked Rich for the great job he is doing.

Wagon Master: Horace is starting to look for rally sites for 2020 and would like suggestions on places to go. The Macalosos were going to Trail Boss Indio, but Joe has been ill and so Al needs some help as he and Darlene are also Trail Bossing Indio. All 2019 rallies have at least one Trail Boss and could use one more. Al reiterated that Trail Bosses can now do whatever they want with the menu including going to a restaurant or passing on breakfasts. Galan suggested we might consider locations such as Oakdale, for summer rallies, that don’t necessarily have a clubhouse. It was agreed by some of those present to consider this.

Sunshine: Al encouraged folks to let Claudia Pedrazzi, who is Sunshine Chairperson to know if anyone is ill so she can send a card.

Indio 2019: Al reported that everyone needs to be at the South Gate 6 (Dr. Carreon) at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, January 5 to be parked. Also, everyone needs to register with FMCA for the rally as well as send Colleen the Gold Digger registration and you need to have a gate pass for your dashboard which you can get from Al.

Indio 2020 Theme: Al reported that WHMA is asking for suggestions for a rally theme for 2020. The suggestions voted on were “Halloween in January” and “Back to the ‘50s”. Betty will send the form back with our suggestions.

Membership Chairperson: Betty reported that we have 15 Active members; 5 Associate members; 1 Applicant and 1 Lifetime member; however, when the roster is updated in January there will only be 11 Active members. Also, she said that instead of sending the Standing Rules out when members are initiated, she’ll send them out when they apply so they can become more familiar with the club.

It was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn the meeting at 10:58 a.m...

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Smith

Membership By Betty Smith

We have new applicants from Orangevale, Larry and Penny Blalock who joined at our Christmas rally and Hurley and Charlotte Atchinson from Elk Grove. We also have new applicants who joined us at Indio, Donna and Henry Hopson from Cameron Park. The Hopson’s are longtime friends of Rich and Barbara Jennings and their hobbies are fishing, shopping (yea Donna) and rock hounding. We have also had several inquires forwarded from the FMCA office that I’ve contacted.

BIRTHDAYS



Jan	24	Burns, Robert
Jan	28	Blalock, Larry
Jan	30	Tutt, Sandria
Feb	20	Pedrazzi, Jack
Feb	26	Davis, June
Feb	27	Roberson, Gabe
March	1	Jenkins, Vern
March	9	Tutt, Horace
March	14	Macaluso, Joe

ANNIVERSARIES



January	23	Macaluso, Joe and Jo
February	11	Cerniglia, Rich and Ann



The Gold Diggers and Guests



Darlene and Betty at the Chapter Fair

Proof that Al got Henry and Donna's money!!



Our adorable parade entry (thanks to Darlene's creativity!!!)



And who could forget Rufus, to my knowledge, the only Gold Digger dog attending Indio

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That's all for now *Betty*